

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 585 by Senator Mills

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, delete "Vermilion and Iberia parishes" and insert "Iberia Parish"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "operate," insert "or" and after "convert" delete the comma "," and  
5 "or alter"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8 **"N.(1) No permit to drill or operate a new solution-mined cavern,**  
9 **or expand or convert an existing solution-mined cavern in"**

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, line 14, change "parishes" to "Parish" and change "is issued," to "may be  
12 issued until after" and change "shall be" to "is"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, line 14, after "held" insert "no earlier than August 15, 2015,"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 1, line 15, after "permit" change the comma "," to a period "." and insert the  
17 following:

18 **"The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide**  
19 **for such public hearings"**

20 AMENDMENT NO. 7

21 On page 2, after line 2, add the following:

22 **"(2) At least thirty days prior to such public hearing on a permit**  
23 **to expand or convert an existing solution-mined cavern or to drill and**  
24 **operate a new solution-mined cavern in Iberia Parish, the permit**  
25 **applicant shall submit a report to the commissioner of conservation, to**  
26 **Save Lake Peigneur Inc., and to the governing authority of Iberia**  
27 **Parish. The report shall provide a baseline analysis of groundwater**  
28 **levels and salt content in the nearby groundwater wells that can be**  
29 **accessed for such analysis; a plan to monitor groundwater levels and salt**  
30 **water content for the duration of the activity for the creation of cavern**  
31 **storage should a permit be granted; a geologic analysis by a qualified**  
32 **third party geologist that examines the integrity of the salt dome; and**  
33 **the results of an analysis of testing that attempts to determine the source**  
34 **and composition of intermittent foaming or bubbling appearing in Lake**  
35 **Peigneur.**

1           **(3) No permit to expand or convert an existing solution-mined**  
2           **cavern or to drill and operate a new solution-mined cavern in Iberia**  
3           **Parish shall be issued prior to January 31, 2016.**

4           **(4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any**  
5           **activity or operation related to safety, maintenance, inspection, testing**  
6           **or regulatory compliance, when necessary, or when required by**  
7           **regulators."**